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FIRE DEPARTMENT



Fire Sprinkler Controls North Central Apartment Fire

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Charleston, SC (November 30, 2014): On 11/30/2014, units with the Charleston and North Charleston Fire Departments, Charleston County EMS, and Charleston Police Department were dispatched at 11:41 AM to a possible structure fire at North Central Apartments at 1054 King Street. Units were advised of a possible kitchen fire in a second floor apartment.



Fire department personnel arrived on scene and determined a single fire sprinkler head, located in the kitchen of the apartment, had extinguished a fire on the stove. Firefighters checked for fire extension and controlled the water from the open sprinkler head. Investigators determined the resident of the apartment was cooking when they experienced a medical emergency that led to the kitchen fire.

“The fire sprinkler system was again a very important tool in this incident,” said Fire Chief Karen Brack. “Without this fire sprinkler system the fire may have grown in size injuring the resident and other tenants of the building. The fire sprinkler system extinguished the fire and ensured the life safety of all occupants in the building.”

Fire damage was limited to the stove area with minimal smoke and heat damage within the apartment. The resident received no injuries due to the fire and was evaluated on scene by medical professionals.

This marks the second incident in two weeks that a fire sprinkler system has extinguished a growing fire in a multi-tenant occupancy in the City of Charleston. You can learn more about how fire sprinklers work at www.charleston-sc.gov/fire.

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